

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

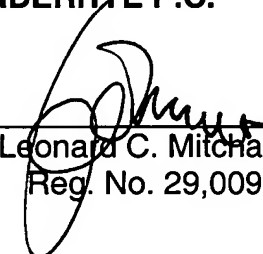
The claims have been amended to be directed to thiochromane compounds and the S-oxidized derivatives ( $R_x$  is Formula IIa, A and E are both CH,  $X_1$  is  $-Z-A^3-$  and Z is  $S(O)_m$ ). No new matter is entered.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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